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Applicants identify the materials listed below and on the modified form PTO-1449 accompanying this submission:

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OTHER MATERIAL

A. Kotze, et al., "Enhancement of Paracellular Drug Transport with Highly Quaternized N-Trimethyl Chitosan Chloride in Neutral Environments: In Vitro Evaluation in Intestinal Epithelial Cells (Caco-2), " Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Vol. 88, No. 2, February 1999, pp. 253-257.

Copies of the listed materials are enclosed. Applicants do not concede that the identified materials, or any of them, constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

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